



Thompson's Mills Preservation Society

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Thompson's Mills Preservation Society Minutes, October 13, 2021

Members Present: Jim Ballard, President; Donald Lyon, Secretary. Board members -- Carl Browning. Absent: Alice Royle, Larry Thompson and Ron VanOrden. Guests were Tom Parsons, OPRD; Kim Jackson of Albany Visitors Association. Hosts Don and Penny Powers also attended.

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 3:33pm in the Mill office by President Jim Ballard. Minutes of 8.25.21 meeting were approved unanimously.
- 2) Treasurer Ron VanOrden was unable to attend so there was no updated report.
- 3) Ranger's Report by Tom Parsons: Tom and Rye, taking advantage of dry weather, scraped, prepped and painted Head House. Tom had talked with Scott, his superior, to ascertain OPRD's commitment to The Trail. Scott gave verbal commitment but no further action. Archeologist Nancy Nelson gave OK to do any digging type work--such as postholes for The Trail. State GIS surveyor marked boundaries so Tom is able to go ahead with fence along western boundary (as requested by neighbor) as soon as financing by grants, TMPS or other source become available. Creekside Fencing will be invited to bid. With fence in place, buffer zone plantings of native plants will be done. Materials, alone, for the 1300' fence would be about \$4500. Kim will look for any grants that might be available this winter. Regarding Mill tours, they are currently scheduled for Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays but the new schedule will be tours available any day, from 9-4 and during the summer, from 8am-dusk.
- 4) Old Business, a) Cider pressing: The Cider Committee agreed to hold one pressing on October 30. The date coincides with Shedd's Autumn Shindig and one day before Halloween--all good for publicity. The actual pressing with public invited will be 11-3pm with shifts from 10am-1pm and 1pm to 4pm. Don will purchase a bin of apples, purchase jugs and seek publicity in local papers. Kim Jackson will promote with AVA contacts. Masks will be required as per Oregon Health Authority guidelines and possibly "lanes" created to separate public.
 - b) Trail Project had been discussed earlier under Ranger's Report.
 - c) Gift Shop: Don Powers will inventory and send information to Jim.
 - d) Board Membership: Don Powers agreed to serve on the Board during the time he is in the area. His contact info is don_penny@yahoo.com and 253.561.2431. Don's nomination was unanimous.
- 5) New Business: Don Powers showed the wood gear-tooth key rings he had made and asked that he be reimbursed for some small expenses regarding the metal rings, etc. This request was approved. The key rings will be offered for sale in gift shop.
- 6) Next board meeting/Annual meeting: Next meeting will be after the New Year. Annual meeting date to be decided--probably by Zoom to encourage wider attendance. The next newsletter will be after that Annual meeting so as to contain the meeting's minutes.
- 7) Adjourned at 4:06pm. Minutes compiled by secretary Donald Lyon and emailed to Board members and guests on 10.14.21. Please send corrections/additions to phototraveler02@gmail.com